

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed 02/07/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3 and 23-27.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 22 September 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * Certified copies not received: _____.
5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 - (a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the Examiner.
 - (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet.

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____ |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. _____ | 6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Examiner's Amendment

1. An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment maybe filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. James R. Bell on April 11, 2005.

3. Please replace claim 1 as followed:

A method comprising:

providing a first computer system with associated user access, the first computer system including bookmarks;

providing a second computer system including a search engine;

providing a remote computer system with associated user access, the remote computer system including bookmarks, each of the computer systems being interconnected via a communications network;

a user selecting an indicator to cause the search engine to search websites associated with the bookmarks stored on either of the first and the remote computer systems;

a user inputting a search term into the first computer system that specifies that websites associated with the bookmarks are to be searched;

a user inputting an identifier of the remote computer system;

the search engine receiving the search term and accessing the bookmarks to obtain identifiers for the websites associated with the bookmarks and providing search results to the first computer system;

providing a user interface of a web browser to allow users to access the search engine, the web browser to be run on either of the first and the remote computer systems for:

inputting a search term to cause the search engine to perform a search using the search term;

inputting an identifier of the remote computer system;

making a selection to cause websites associated with bookmarks stored on the first computer to be searched; and

making a selection to cause websites associated with bookmarks stored on the remote computer system to be searched; and
displaying the search results to the first computer system.

4. Please cancel claim 2.

5. Please change claim 26 as followed:

The method of claim 25 further comprising:

the search engine providing an advertisement to be displayed on the **first** computer system.

6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In interpreting the claims, in light of the specification and the applicant's arguments filed on 02/07/2005, the Examiner finds the claimed invention to be patentably distinct from the prior art of record.

Himmel et al. (US 6,324,566), teach one or more searchable repositories of bookmark sets are stored in a computer system, wherein a search query from a client containing a set of keywords is received, the stored bookmark sets are searched for one or more bookmark sets associated with at least one keyword matching a keyword from the search query, and a list of bookmark sets which satisfy the query are returned to the client browser.

The prior art of record teaches the claimed invention substantially, but it fails to teach or suggest individually or in combination that a system and method for search websites associated with bookmarks comprising: ***providing a user interface of a web browser to allow users to access the search engine, the web browser to be run on either of the first and the remote computer systems for: inputting a search term to***


cause the search engine to perform a search using the search term; inputting an identifier of the remote computer system; making a selection to cause websites associated with bookmarks stored on the first computer to be searched; and making a selection to cause websites associated with bookmarks stored on the remote computer system to be searched as set forth in independent claim 1. Claims 1-2 and 23-27 are allowed because of the combination of other limitations and the limitation listed above.

7. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Examiner's Amendment".

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Quang N. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-3886.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on (571) 272-3880. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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